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Serial No. To Be Assigned )  
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For: APPARATUS WITH THUMBNAIL )  
IMAGE DATA PROCESSING )  
FUNCTION AND METHOD FOR )  
PROCESSING THUMBNAIL IMAGE )  
DATA )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references A1-A4 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-54043 discloses call thumbnail images from RAM to display, and select a image to be printed.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-341572 discloses digital camera wherein an image to be displayed on a device externally connected could be changed by the operation of a touch panel.

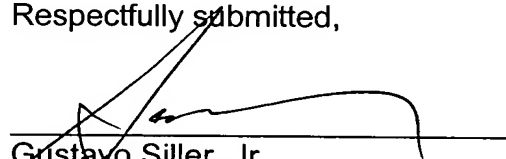
Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2002-259942 discloses at the time of image display, it is possible to reduce the time when a compressed bit map image is extended and developed into an original bit image.

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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION**
**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	US 6,456,391	09/2002	Yusuke Miyamoto et al.		

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	A2	2001-54043	02/2001	Japan		X	
	A3	2000-341572	12/2000	Japan		X	
	A4	2002-259942	09/2002	Japan		X	

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